

Diet-induced NASH (DIN) mouse model associated with metabolic syndrome

- ✓ Unique diet-induced mouse models of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)
- ✓ Associated with obesity and insulin resistance like in a human NAFLD physiopathological context

Key benefits

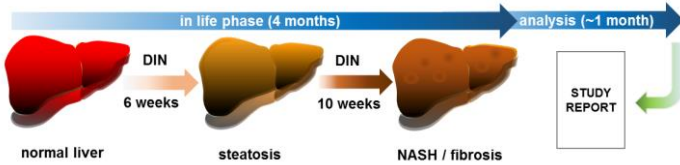
Unique proprietary diet-induced animal models that enables pharmacological studies targeting NASH and fibrosis, in a human-like context including obesity and insulin resistance.

The diet-induced (DIN) NASH mouse provides:

- A pharmacologically validated model to study NASH and fibrosis, associated with metabolic syndrome
- Allows to study mechanisms involved in NAFLD progression
- Predictive model: similar to human situation where the diet plays a major role in the development of NAFLD

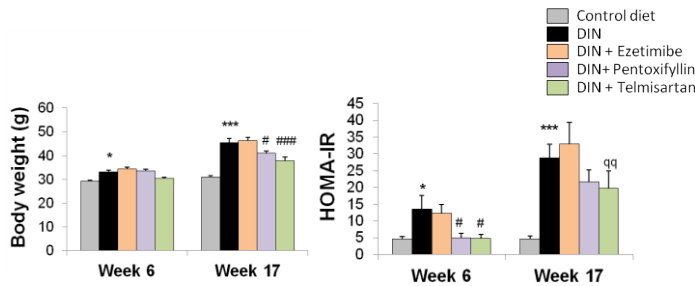
ANIMAL MODEL

- Background strain/gender: C57BL/6J mice, male
- In house "Diet-Induced NASH" (DIN™): High Fat +cholesterol + fructose in drinking water
- Reference compounds: ezetimibe, pentoxifyllin and telmisartan
- Experimental design:

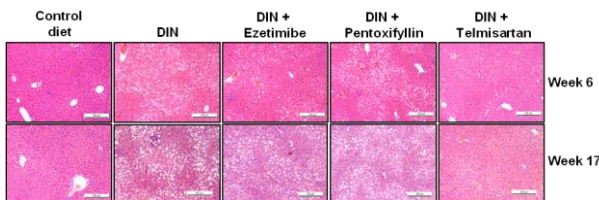


PATHOPHYSIOLOGICAL FEATURES

DIET INDUCED OBESITY AND INSULIN RESISTANCE

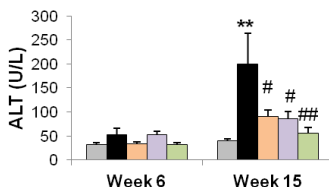


LIVER STEATOSIS (H&E staining)



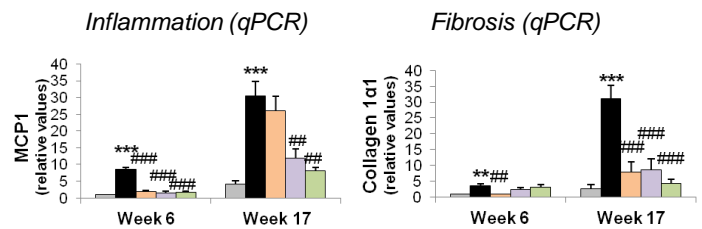
LIVER INJURIES

• Plasma biomarker



*p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001 vs. control diet, #p<0.05 ##p<0.01 ###p<0.001 vs. DIN, qq<0.01 vs. DIN without ezetimibe group

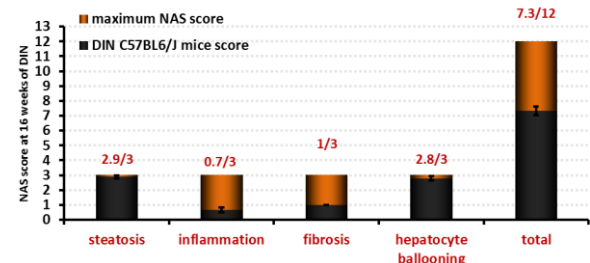
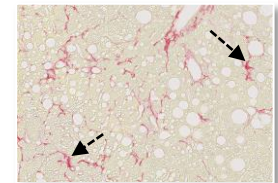
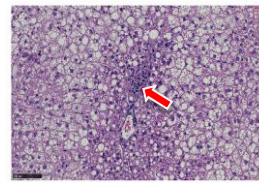
LIVER GENE EXPRESSION



NAS SCORING AT 16 WEEKS OF DIN

• Histology

- mononuclear cell infiltration
- > Fibrosis



END-POINTS

- Anatomopathology (histology, immunohistology, NAS score)
- Plasma and liver biomarkers:
 - lipids, inflammation
 - liver enzymes
 - liver gene (qPCR) and protein expression : standard biomarkers and others on request

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